

**STATEMENT OF BASIS (AI No. 23606)**

for draft Louisiana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit No. LA0123641 to discharge to waters of the State of Louisiana.

**THE APPLICANT IS:** WISE Well Intervention Services, Inc.  
2801 SE Evangeline Thruway  
Lafayette, Louisiana 70508

**ISSUING OFFICE:** Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ)  
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**DATE PREPARED:** June 6, 2008

**1. PERMIT STATUS**

**A. Reason For Permit Action:**

First time issuance of a Louisiana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (LPDES) permit for a 5-year term.

**B.** LPDES permit - N/A  
LPDES permit effective date: N/A  
LPDES permit expiration date: N/A

**C.** Date Application Received: August 27, 2007

**2. FACILITY INFORMATION**

**A. FACILITY TYPE/ACTIVITY - oilfield service company**

WISE Well Intervention Services, Inc. is an existing oilfield service company. The facility repairs, manufactures, and rents oilfield pumping equipment as well as wireline and coil tubing equipment.

**B. FEE RATE**

1. Fee Rating Facility Type: minor
2. Complexity Type: II \*BPJ points to 0 based on low flow and similar facilities.
3. Wastewater Type: II
4. SIC code: 1389

**C. LOCATION -** 2801 SE Evangeline Thruway, Lafayette, Lafayette Parish  
Latitude 30°10'44", Longitude 91°59'10"

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### 3. OUTFALL INFORMATION

#### Outfall 001

Discharge Type: external equipment washwater  
Treatment: mechanical biotreatment including solids and oil/water separation  
Location: at the point of discharge from the treatment system located on the southeast corner of Building 2 (Latitude 30°10'46", Longitude 91°59'05")  
Flow: 500 gpd  
Discharge Route: local drainage thence to Bayou Tortue

NOTE: Sanitary wastewater generated at the facility goes to underground absorption lines and is not discharged.

### 4. RECEIVING WATERS

STREAM - local drainage thence to Bayou Tortue

BASIN AND SEGMENT - Vermilion-Teche Basin, Segment 060801

DESIGNATED USES - a. primary contact recreation  
b. secondary contact recreation  
c. propagation of fish and wildlife  
f. agriculture

### 5. 303(d)/TMDL LANGUAGE

Subsegment 060801, Vermilion River - From Headwaters to LA 3073 Bridge, is not listed on LDEQ's Final 2006 303(d) list as impaired. However, subsegment 060801 was previously listed as impaired for phosphorus, nitrogen, organic enrichment/low DO, pathogen indicators, suspended solids/turbidity/siltation, and carbofuran for which the below TMDL's have been developed. The Department of Environmental Quality reserves the right to impose more stringent discharge limitations and/or additional restrictions in the future to maintain the water quality integrity and the designated uses of the receiving water bodies based upon additional TMDL's and/or water quality studies. The DEQ also reserves the right to modify or revoke and reissue this permit based upon any changes to established TMDL's for this discharge, or to accommodate for pollutant trading provisions in approved TMDL watersheds as necessary to achieve compliance with water quality standards.

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Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) completed:

Nitrogen/Phosphorus

The TMDL for Dissolved Oxygen and Nutrients in the Vermilion River was final on April 5, 2001. No allocation was given to point source discharges in the Vermilion Teche River Basin. LDEQ's position on nutrients, as supported by the ruling in *Sierra Club v. Givens*, 710 So.2d 249 (La. App. 1st Cir. 1997), writ denied, 705 So.2d 1106 (La. 1998), is that when oxygen-demanding substances are controlled and limited in order to ensure that the dissolved oxygen criterion is supported, nutrients are also controlled and limited. LAC 33:IX.2707.D.1.f.iii allows the establishment of effluent limitations based on an indicator parameter for the pollutant of concern. LDEQ's consistent approach to controlling nutrients where the WQMP does not otherwise require specific nutrient limitations is achieved by limiting the discharge of oxygen-demanding substances through a COD limitation. Compliance with the COD limitation as the indicator parameter will result in the control of nutrients from the discharge sufficient to attain and maintain the applicable water quality standard. Effluent monitoring of the indicator parameter as conducted by the permittee in accordance with the permit in addition to LDEQ's ambient water quality monitoring program will allow for further evaluation by the Department to determine the effectiveness of the limitation. The reopener clause in the permit allows the Department to modify or revoke and reissue the permit if the limitations as set on the indicator parameter are shown to no longer attain and maintain applicable water quality standards.

Organic Enrichment/Low DO

The EPA Vermilion River Dissolved Oxygen and Nitrogen TMDL states that limits apply to sanitary discharges and process outfalls of food processors and seafood processors. For discharges less than 25,000 GPD, secondary limits shall apply as per the TMDL. The organic enrichment/low DO impairment shall be addressed through the COD parameter established in this permit.

Pathogen Indicators

Per The Vermilion River Fecal Coliform TMDL, there will be no change in the permit requirements based upon a wasteload allocation resulting from this TMDL. This facility is not expected to discharge pollutants associated with the pathogen indicators impairment.

Suspended solids/turbidity/siltation

As per the TMDL for TSS, Turbidity, and Siltation for the 15 Subsegments in the Vermilion River Basin, point source loads are so small as to be insignificant, and because effective policies are in place to limit TSS discharges, no specific reductions from point sources are required. Standard TSS limitations are included in this permit.

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#### Carbofuran

The TMDL for Carbofuran in the Mermentau and Vermilion Teche River Basins was final on March 21, 2002. No allocation was given to point source discharges in the Vermilion Teche River Basin. According to the TMDL, there is only one point source in the Vermilion Teche (FMC Corp. LA0064360), but it no longer discharges Carbofuran. In addition, this facility has no potential to discharge Carbofuran. Therefore, requirements for Carbofuran will not be placed in this permit.

#### **6. PROPOSED EFFLUENT LIMITS**

BASIS - See Rationale below.

#### **7. COMPLIANCE HISTORY/COMMENTS**

There have been no inspections at the facility. Additionally, there have been no DMR's as the facility has never had a permit.

#### **8. EXISTING EFFLUENT LIMITS**

There are no existing limits as the facility has never had a permit.

#### **9. ENDANGERED SPECIES:**

The receiving waterbody, Subsegment 060801 of the Vermilion-Teche Basin is not listed in Section II.2 of the Implementation Strategy as requiring consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS). This strategy was submitted with a letter dated October 24, 2007, from Boggs (FWS) to Brown (LDEQ). Therefore, in accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding between the LDEQ and the FWS, no further informal (Section 7, Endangered Species Act) consultation is required. It was determined that the issuance of the LPDES permit is not likely to have an adverse effect on any endangered or candidate species or the critical habitat. The effluent limitations established in the permit ensure protection of aquatic life and maintenance of the receiving water as aquatic habitat.

#### **10. HISTORIC SITES**

The discharge is from an existing facility location, which does not include an expansion on undisturbed soils. Therefore, there should be no potential effect to sites or properties on or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places, and in accordance with the "Memorandum of Understanding for the Protection of Historic Properties in Louisiana Regarding LPDES Permits" no consultation with the Louisiana State Historic Preservation Officer is required.

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#### **11. TENTATIVE DETERMINATION**

On the basis of preliminary staff review, the Department of Environmental Quality has made a tentative determination to issue a permit for the discharge described in the application.

#### **12. PUBLIC NOTICES**

Upon publication of the public notice, a public comment period shall begin on the date of publication and last for at least 30 days thereafter. During this period, any interested persons may submit written comments on the draft permit and may request a public hearing to clarify issues involved in the permit decision at this Office's address on the first page of the statement of basis. A request for a public hearing shall be in writing and shall state the nature of the issues proposed to be raised in the hearing.

Public notice published in:

Local newspaper of general circulation

Office of Environmental Services Public Notice Mailing List

#### **13. STORM WATER POLLUTION PREVENTION PLAN (SWP3) REQUIREMENT**

A SWP3 is included in the permit because in accordance with LAC 33:IX.2511.A.1, storm water shall not be required to obtain and LPDES permit "... except... discharges associated with industrial activity." In accordance with LAC 33:IX.2511.B.14.a-k, facilities classified as SIC code 1389 are considered to have storm water discharges associated with industrial activity.

The SWP3 shall be prepared, implemented, and maintained within (6) months of the effective date of the final permit. The plan should identify potential sources of storm water pollution and ensure the implementation of practices to prevent and reduce pollutants in the storm water discharges associated with industrial activity at the facility (see Narrative Requirements for the AI).

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**Rationale for WISE Well Intervention Services, Inc.**

1. **Outfall 001 - external equipment washwater** (estimated flow is 500 gpd)

<u>Pollutant</u>	<u>Limitation</u> Mo. Avg:Daily Max (mg/l)	<u>Reference</u>
Flow	Report:Report	
COD	200:300 mg/L	LPDES General Permit LAG480000 (BPJ)
Oil and Grease	---:15 mg/L	LPDES General Permit LAG480000 (BPJ)
TSS	---:45 mg/L	LPDES General Permit LAG480000 (BPJ)
Soaps & Detergents	Inv. Calculation:---	LPDES General Permit LAG480000 (BPJ)
Oil & Grease Visual	---:No Presence	LPDES General Permit LAG480000 (BPJ)
pH	6.0 - 9.0 s.u.	LPDES General Permit LAG480000 (BPJ)

**Treatment:** mechanical biotreatment including solids and oil/water separation

**Monitoring Frequency:** Daily for visible sheen; quarterly for all other parameters at the point of discharge from the treatment system located on the southeast corner of Building 2. NOTE: For Soaps and Detergents, document quarterly inventory record of the quantity and type of any soap and/or detergent that is used during the calendar month.

**Limits Justification:** Limits and monitoring frequency are based on LAG480000, Schedule B and are consistent with existing individual industrial permits for similar facilities.

BPJ Best Professional Judgement  
 su Standard Units

**NOTE**

For outfalls containing concentration limits, the usage of concentration limits is based on BPJ for similar outfalls since the flow is variable and estimated.